

**LIFETIME DEVOTION TO SPORT**



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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- **Stavros Douvis** holds a **Ph.D.** in Sport Psychology from the University of Athens.
- From 2006-2009 served as **Secretary General of Sport** in the Ministry of Culture of the Hellenic Republic.
- **Professor** in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Science at the University of Athens.
- He has served sport from various positions, as an athlete, coach and referee, in the sports of basketball, volleyball, football, and tennis.
- International referee, with participation in **Olympic Games, World Championships** and Championships of **all five continents**.
- For ten consecutive years, he has been the captain of the Greek National Tennis Team, in **Davis Cup**.
- **Vice President** of the Technical Commission of **FIBA World** and **FIBA Europe**, as well as an **International FIBA Instructor**.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the **International University Sports Federation (FISU)**.
- **Deputy President of the organizing committee of Athens 2011 Special Olympics**.
- In Greek Sport he was **President** of the Central Referee Commission of the **Hellenic Basketball Federation**. Since 2001, he offered his services in the **Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games "Athens 2004"**, as **Management consultant** and since fall of 2003, as a **Competition Manager** for the sport of Basketball.
- He speaks Greek, English, French and Italian.

#### HONORS

- Honored by IAAF for the successful organization of the **2009 IAAF World Athletics Final in Thessaloniki**.
- Honored by the **International Olympic Committee** for his contribution, as a competition manager, in the organization of Olympic Basketball tournament in Athens 2004.
- Honored by the International Olympic Committee for his contribution, as a **member of FIBA technical committee**, in the Olympic Basketball tournament in Sydney 2000 and Atlanta 1996.
- Honored by the International Olympic Committee for his contribution in the **Olympic Solidarity Program**.

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## GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF SPORT

As a **Secretary General of Sport**, undertook intense action in the **fight against violence in sport** and the **extinction of illegal substances** from the sport setting. Concurrently works towards the development of **Sport Tourism** in Greece, the sustainable utilization of Greece's **Olympic Properties** after the successful organization of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and the **upgrade and promotion of University Sport**.

His leadership in the Secretariat General of Sport, guaranteed the successful organization of several mega sporting events which took place in Greece, like the **2006 IAAF World Cup, the 2007 Euroleague Final Four, the 2007 UEFA Champions League Final and the international tennis tournament 2007 Athens Champions Cup and the 2009 IAAF World Athletics Final in Thessaloniki**. He also contributed in the successful organization of the 2009 World University Wrestling Championship in Thessaloniki and the 2009 World University Match Racing Championship in Crete.

## UNIVERSITY SPORT MOVEMENT

University Sport constitutes undoubtedly a necessity for all students who wish the improvement of their health and seek at the same time a better quality of life. University Sport through its foundations and its member federations also carries great significance for the integration of student athletes in the athletic movement and the promotion of the idea of "exercise for life". The involvement of students with sport constitutes a basic objective and should become a pole of attraction, in order to overcome very important issues concerning social adaptability and social contact. For these reasons, all stakeholders need to understand that University Sport has to offer incalculable benefits for the students in terms of mental reserves and mental balance, while at the same time it contributes in the optimization of the health of sport participants.

The University Sport Movement should shift its attention in two very significant directions: Recreational sport and sport for all, aiming the increase of student's involvement and general interest around sport and competitive sport, having as basic objectives the international recognition and the establishment of a sound global fun base, through the achievement of high level athletic performance.

## MESSAGE TO THE FISU FAMILY

University Sport beyond the spectacle and its recreational value, constitutes a social phenomenon of major importance. The evolution of these qualities establishes University Sport as a powerful mean for the creation of useful citizens. We all need to work with consistency and determination, in order to turn student athletes towards the right direction, stressing to them the importance of completing their studies concurrently with their athletic carriers. This is the most important message of University Sport, which needs to be spread to all five continents.

With the contribution of a more aggressive marketing and promotional policy, along with the development of media and public relations, with the right set of organizations representing the international athletic movement, University Sport must evolve to a whole new entity, acquiring its distinct share of optimized prestige.

University Sport involves thousands of athletes, while at the same time there is a very large fun base which needs to be approached and brought close to the University Sport Movement.

University Sport accomplishes an educational purpose of which the main objective was and will be a higher form of academic and athletic achievement, in constant service of human truth and dignity.

University Sport ought to educate young people by the fundamental values of fair play, creating at the same time people who respect and honour the effort of the winner as well as the defeated.

University Sport should aim to the improvement of stamina and the maintenance of health but mainly it should entertain and recreate all participants and fans. We must not forget that sport is a universal language connecting people around the globe. Our goal is to upgrade University Sport to a global promotional agent of education, socialization, athletic achievement and health.

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Dear friends of the FISU family,

During the last eight years we have worked hard and have accomplished a lot for the evolution of the University Sport Movement. I ask for your support during the elections for the new Executive Committee on August 9<sup>th</sup> in Shenzhen, in order to continue this collective effort, with more passion, a clear vision, new ideas, always under the umbrella of a solid strategic plan.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stavros Douvis'.



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